
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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FINAL APPROVED PALOS VERDES PENINSULA WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO ATTACHMENT E, PART IV.B OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001; ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175)

Dear Permittees of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Watershed Management Group:

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) has reviewed the final monitoring program submitted on February 2, 2016, by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Watershed Management Group¹ (PVP Group). This monitoring program was submitted pursuant to the provisions of NPDES Permit No. CAS004001 (Order No. R4-2012-0175), which authorizes discharges from the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) operated by 86 municipal Permittees within Los Angeles County (hereafter, LA County MS4 Permit). The LA County MS4 Permit allows Permittees the option to develop and implement a coordinated integrated monitoring program (CIMP) that achieves the five Primary Objectives set forth in Part II.A of Attachment E and includes the elements set forth in Part II.E of Attachment E. These programs must be approved by the Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Water Board.

¹ Permittees of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Watershed Management Group include the Cities of Rancho Palos Verdes, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills, and Rolling Hill Estates, the County of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

On January 21, 2016, on behalf of the Los Angeles Water Board, I approved, with conditions, the PVP Group's CIMP. My approval letter directed the PVP Group to submit a final CIMP that satisfies all the conditions listed in the letter no later than February 5, 2016. On February 2, 2016, the PVP Group submitted its final CIMP, as directed.


After review of the PVP Group's final CIMP submitted on February 2, 2016, I have determined that the PVP Group's CIMP satisfies all of the conditions identified in my January 21, 2016 approval letter. The CIMP submitted on February 2, 2016 hereby constitutes the final approved CIMP for the PVP Group. Additional direction on requirements for follow-up monitoring when aquatic toxicity is present in downstream receiving waters has been provided in separate correspondence dated August 7, 2015, and must be followed as part of the PVP Group's final approved CIMP.

Santa Monica Bay Nearshore Debris TMDL

Requirements for the Santa Monica Bay Nearshore and Offshore Debris TMDL (SMB Debris TMDL) can be satisfied through the submittal of the Trash Monitoring and Reporting Plan (TMRP) and Plastic Pellet Monitoring and Reporting Plan (PMRP) or via the CIMP. Members of the Group with an approved PMRP exemption, must document the Approved Exemption in the Annual Report. Members with an Approved Exemption must notify the Regional Board upon the discovery of any new industrial facilities that have an SIC code that corresponds to the manufacturing, handling, or transportation of plastic pellets which will result in the revocation of the approval.

The Los Angeles Water Board appreciates the participation and cooperation of the PVP Group in the implementation of the LA County MS4 Permit. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Rebecca Christmann of the Storm Water Permitting Unit by electronic mail at Rebecca.Christmann@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 576-5734. Alternatively, you may also contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway, Chief of the Storm Water Permitting Unit, by electronic mail at Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,



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